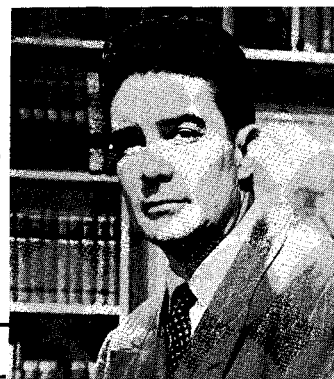


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WE CAN SAVE THE REPUBLIC

Commenting editorially on the outcome of the November 3, 1964, election, *The New York Times* (on November 5) said:

"By choosing its nominee from a narrowly based minority faction, the delegates to . . . [the 1964 Republican] convention seriously weakened the Republican party as an effective opposition over the next four years

"For at least sixteen years the Republican right-wing has been contending that there are millions of conservatives in this country who ordinarily did not vote but who would flock to the polls if only they were given a chance to support a truly reactionary candidate. The candidacy of Senator Goldwater, who in recent years became the hero of these old-fashioned conservatives as well as of the neo-McCarthyites, Birchites and others on the fringes of the conservative position, put this long-discussed theory to the test. The results are now apparent to everyone. Those millions of phantom voters never showed up at the polls."

Though the *Times* thus interprets the election results to imply that the people of the United States consciously repudiated conservatism, the *Times*, in the same editorial, gives two valid, important reasons for Goldwater's defeat — reasons which do not reflect anti-conservatism or pro-liberalism. The *Times* concedes that "the odds were always somewhat against a Republican victory at the Presidential level this year" in a time when "the country is prosperous and at peace," because: (1) it is difficult to turn out an incumbent administration; and (2) the people are reluctant to permit sudden shifts in government policy.

President Johnson did, no doubt, receive millions of votes from people still unaware that our national prosperity is gravely imperiled by policies and programs of the man they voted for — still unaware that President Johnson's "peace," already costing the lives of American soldiers in Vietnam, may at any moment explode into something as ghastly as the "peaceful" Korean war was. President Johnson did, no doubt, receive millions of votes from people who emotionally support the administration in power because they fear change and are ignorant of the crying need for change.

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The great struggle of our times is between constitutional conservatism and totalitarian liberalism — between the *progressive*, constitutional conservative ideal of *limited* government and the *reactionary* totalitarian liberal ideal of *all-powerful* government; between individualism and collectivism; between a free society and a governmentally-regimented society. Millions of American voters still do not understand this struggle, or even realize that it exists. These are the voters who generally vote for the administration in power and are afraid of change. All such voters — numbering, probably, upward of 10 million — inevitably voted for Johnson in 1964. But it is a distortion of logic and fact to imply that these uninformed voters were consciously repudiating the political philosophy which Senator Goldwater symbolized. They know nothing about the philosophy of constitutional government.

Walter Lippmann asserts that the election returns left the “Republican party with virtually nothing more than a handful of states, *won by racist votes*.”⁽¹⁾ *Racist* apparently means one whose thinking is colored by considerations of race, or a racial bigot who feels that one race should have special privileges that other races are denied.

Other liberal commentators seem to agree with Lippmann that practically all who voted for Goldwater were “racists.”

Totalitarian liberals apparently characterize as race haters and race bigots all Americans who oppose such harmful and unconstitutional measures as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the various state “Forced Housing” and “Fair Employment Practices” laws.

Mr. Lippmann and friends ought to check the facts. In California, Proposition 14 (a constitutional amendment to eliminate California Forced Housing laws) was on the ballot in the 1964 general election. Totalitarian liberals like Mr. Lippmann uniformly condemned Proposition 14 as a “racist” proposal. The number of California votes for Proposition 14 was 4,092,129. The number of California votes for President Johnson was

4,048,742. The California votes *against* Proposition 14 totaled 2,113,580. The California votes *for* Goldwater totaled 2,769,996.⁽²⁾

It would be interesting to see Mr. Lippmann and other liberals make these facts justify their assertion that most Goldwater voters were “racists.”

The truth is that neither the votes against California’s Forced Housing laws nor the votes for Goldwater were “racist” votes. Goldwater made it clear that he does not believe in a segregated society or an integrated society, but in a free society. This Goldwater remark — which clearly and emphatically rejects “racism” — evoked more applause from Goldwater supporters (in the deep South, as elsewhere) than any other stand which the Senator took.

Johnson got the “racist” vote in 1964. He got the votes of all totalitarian liberals whose thinking is deeply colored by considerations of race, and who want unconstitutional laws to force their racial prejudices upon the total population.

Indeed, President Johnson seems to have received all the special-interest votes in 1964: the organized negro vote, the organized union vote, the votes of many who receive government checks regularly, and the votes of business groups whose primary special interest is in federal contracts and in general federal spending in their communities.

It is impossible to determine the size of the windfall vote which went to Johnson in 1964 — the vote which fell to the administration in power but reflected no understanding of basic issues; and the vote of special-interest groups. It must have been well over half of the 42 million total which Johnson received. On the other hand, it is logical to assume that Goldwater received few, if any, windfall votes: that most of the 26 million who voted for Goldwater were consciously making a *choice* for the political philosophy which the Senator symbolized. Johnson’s 42 million votes came from a coalition of minority groups and vested interests. Goldwater’s 26 million votes came from a solid, massive core of constitutional conservatives.

The number of American voters consciously supporting the constitutional principle of limited government is far greater than the number consciously supporting the Johnson-Humphrey goal of all-powerful government. There is a great army of constitutional conservatives in the United States—unorganized and without effective national leadership, but mammoth in size and indomitable in spirit. Liberals refer to this gigantic force of informed Americans as a ragged remnant of bigots and lunatics.

Walter Lippmann's column—dismissing Goldwater's supporters as "racists"—contained one paragraph remarkable for its candor and accuracy. Lippmann said:

"The campaign did not produce a debate about specific programs, and this was fortunate. For the real business of the campaign was not to map out a course for the future. It was to beat and crush a rebellion against the established and accepted line of domestic and foreign policy which was laid down in the generation which followed the great depression and the second world war."⁽¹⁾

Compare these statements made by Walter Lippmann November 8, 1964, with statements in this *Report* on July 20, 1964, dealing with "The Invisible Government":

"The two political parties are rivals for power. Each wants to control the federal establishment, but both adhere to the same policies.

"When it appears that a foremost contender for the Presidency might effect basic changes in the unchanging bipartisan policies to which both parties are tied, party rivalry yields to unified effort to stop that one candidate. For example, in 1951 there was swelling revolt, nationwide, against policies (domestic and foreign) of the Truman administration. The most prominent critic of Truman policies was U. S. Senator Robert A. Taft (Republican, Ohio). The *people* considered Taft leader of the Republican Party; but *liberal Republicans* organized and directed the insidious manipulations which stopped Taft.

"There was *no* major-party challenge to established policies in the dull 1956 and 1960 presidential elections; but in 1964, when U. S. Senator Barry Goldwater loomed as a threat to 'bipartisanship,' 1952-model machinations showed up.

It was obvious that liberal Republicans (Lodge, Scranton, Rockefeller, Nixon, Eisenhower, et al.) would rather see Republicans lose the presidential contest than see Barry Goldwater win it.

"Voters must have no opportunity to vote for change: their role must be limited to a choice between parties and personalities to administer policies which seem to be formulated and handed down from somewhere else, fixed and unchangeable"

"The people elected and appointed to manage the affairs of the United States Government have, in large measure, become puppets, controlled by powerful persons working in and through a network of tax-exempt organizations.

"At the center of this network is the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). Members of the CFR occupy top positions in government, in foundations, in educational institutions, in communications, in banking.

"They are an elite who set policies of our federal government; and, through a vast, interlocking combine of educational and opinion-forming agencies, they influence or control propaganda which persuades Congress and the public to accept the policies.

"In short, the Council on Foreign Relations is the invisible government of the United States. Its tentacles of power and influence are wrapped around levers of power in Washington; reach into schools, colleges, big unions, churches, and respected civic organizations; dominate communications; have a grip on the prestige and money of many major American corporations.

"The invisible government's fixed purpose is to socialize our Republic and to make it a unit of a one-world socialist system."

Walter Lippmann is one of the most influential members of the Council on Foreign Relations. He spoke authoritatively when he said the real business of the election this year was to crush a rebellion against established policies.

Goldwater (opposed by the power combine which I call the invisible government) made his race while carrying the most burdensome political albatross in recent times: the modern Republican Party.

Liberal and "moderate" Republicans at the San Francisco convention provided the weapons of

slander and vilification which Democrats used during the campaign to frighten millions into believing that Goldwater was a maniac who wanted to incinerate the world with nuclear weapons and that he was a monster who wanted to see old people starve.

After the San Francisco convention, the "Goldwater team" of Republicans who directed the campaign, helped lead the Senator from victory to defeat.

The great groundswell of public support which gave Goldwater the nomination was neither created nor directed by the team of advisers who mismanaged his campaign. It was created by political amateurs—well-informed Americans who care less about political parties than about the restoration of constitutional government in the United States. Throughout the nation (especially in the South), Republican Party leaders used constitutional conservatives to build Republican Party strength—and then tried to shunt them aside so that "moderates" could take over and give the Republican Party a "more acceptable" public image.

Ignoring grievances and petty insults, constitutional conservatives persevered for Goldwater. By sheer weight of numbers, they forced his nomination at San Francisco; but there were not enough of them to elect him.

Goldwater was never a willing or strong leader of the constitutional conservatives, nor even an articulate spokesman for their philosophy. He was, however, the finest and foremost symbol of their cause: his 12-year voting record in the Senate more faithfully reflected the ideals of constitutional conservatives than the record of any other nationally prominent political figure. If his campaign had consistently reflected the same ideals, he probably would have won the election despite the heavy handicaps.

Most observers feel that Goldwater lost ground between the day of his nomination in July and election day in November. I do not think he suffered a net loss of votes in that period: he merely failed to make a net gain. I believe there were

as many voters already decided for Goldwater in July as voted for him in November.

Why did he gain nothing in more than three months of campaigning? Because he did not spend that precious time explaining and selling the philosophy of constitutional conservatism to millions of Americans who have never been exposed to it but who might fully endorse it if they understood it. While making his splendid record in the Senate, Goldwater did not need a team of advisers to tell him how to vote. He voted his conscience, with no need to rationalize, explain, or "sell" his reasons.

In the presidential campaign, Goldwater had to have advisers and speech writers. He had to trust them and, to a large degree, follow the course they charted. They sealed him off from his real supporters. Constitutional conservatives (who had put him within striking distance of the White House) were avoided and condemned as "Birchers" and "right-wing extremists." Goldwater himself did not use those labels. He did not repudiate the John Birch Society (for the sufficient reason that some of the finest Americans of our time are in the Society); but his campaign was generally a defensive effort to prove that he was not an "extremist."

Goldwater's campaign lost its forward thrust the day he went to Hershey, Pennsylvania, for a "unity meeting" with the Scranton-Rockefeller-Eisenhower-Romney wing of the Republican Party. In Michigan, Goldwater asked voters to support his political enemy, Governor George Romney. In New York, Goldwater supported another of his implacable foes—Kenneth Keating—while ignoring the Conservative Party senatorial candidate who was a constitutional conservative and an ardent Goldwater supporter. Such behavior was understandable to those who know Barry Goldwater personally as a gentle, scrupulously honest, exceptionally tolerant man. To others, it looked like weakness and confusion.

At best, Goldwater must have seemed confused when promising a return to the policies of Eisenhower. Johnson's policies are basically the same as those of Eisenhower. Goldwater became a sym-

bol of constitutional conservatism by opposing those policies. About midway in the campaign, I talked to a Republican state chairman who is a good conservative and a genuine Goldwater admirer. He told me that the vicious Democrat propaganda about Goldwater being trigger-happy made it absolutely necessary for the Senator to get Eisenhower's endorsement. I told him that Goldwater would never get an effective endorsement from Eisenhower and that the effort to get one would hurt rather than help.

What Do We Do Now?

President Johnson received 42 million votes from a coalition of minority groups and special interests; Goldwater's 26 million votes came largely from a solid core of informed conservatives. Hence, constitutional conservatives constitute the greatest *single* political force in the United States.

Leaders of this movement, in every community, must redouble their effort *now*, to hold the great force together, and enlarge it. Individual talents and means and local circumstances will determine what each constitutional conservative ought to do.

Liberals want a continuation of the present one-party political system, divided into two factions called Republican and Democrat—factions which, though rivals for power, advocate the same policies. This arrangement deceives a large portion of the general public into believing we have a real two-party system which makes elections meaningful. It also guarantees a continuation of liberal policies, no matter what happens at the polls.

Republican Party liberals (and self-styled moderates) helped defeat Goldwater, in the hope of recapturing control of the party for themselves. They are already in hot pursuit of that objective, trying to convince everyone that conservatism has been utterly destroyed.

Conservatives should not be satisfied merely to retain a foothold in the Republican Party. They should take it over so emphatically and completely that men like Jacob Javits, Thomas Kuchel, Hugh

Scott, will have to get out and join the Democrats or find themselves ostracized in their own party.

Here is the text of an Associated Press dispatch from San Francisco, published November 8, 1964, in *The Dallas Morning News*:

"Formation of the Republicans for Conservative Action, a group self-described as 'strictly Goldwater conservatives,' has been announced in San Francisco.

"The director of the group, Fred Ullner of Larkspur, Calif., said that defeated GOP candidate Barry Goldwater had been advised of the organization's formation. . . .

"Ullner said . . . 'We are opposed to any take-over of our party by Rockefeller, Romney or Robert E. Smylie [Republican Governor of Idaho].'

"He said that the group hopes to become nationwide and expects support from among the 26 million citizens who voted for Goldwater."

Republicans for Conservatives Action (P. O. Box 633, Larkspur, California) is also supporting actor Ronald Reagan, popular and articulate patriotic speaker, for the next Governor of California.

This is a cue for those who want to begin now helping to build the Republican Party into a genuine conservative political vehicle at the national level. But we must not be content to work at the national level only.

Despite President Johnson's parroting of Lincoln's expression about binding up the nation's wounds, I fear that the President and Vice President elect will try to push through the next Congress socialistic legislation that Congress and the public have successfully resisted for a generation.

In every congressional district in every State, constitutional conservatives should, if possible, get a mailing list of all registered voters in the district. They should keep abreast of all important legislation, alerting voters to important bills pending in Congress. They should carefully compile the voting records of their U. S. Representative and of the two U. S. Senators from their State, and should send out periodic mailings (on mimeographed sheets if necessary) to all voters, point-

ing out factually how the Representative and Senators vote on each important bill, explaining the implications of the votes from the viewpoint of constitutional conservatism. If the Representative and Senators vote as liberals, constitutional conservatives should begin now searching for able men to oppose the liberals in 1966.

Such effort as this will help create an informed electorate. It will stiffen resistance to socialistic programs. It will produce good candidates to oppose liberal Representatives and Senators two years from now—and it will give those candidates a ready-made campaign.

If this is done carefully and consistently in every congressional district for the next two years, constitutional conservatives can gain control of the U. S. House of Representatives in 1966 and elect conservatives to replace liberal Senators up for re-election that year.

In addition to political effort, we should begin at once to multiply our educational work. Well-financed liberal organizations (most of them with the tacit, if not open, approval of government) are using the Federal Communications Commission's "Fairness Doctrine" to harass all broadcast stations which carry conservative news commentary. Some stations have yielded to the pressure and cancelled all conservative broadcasts. Some have used the FCC "Fairness Doctrine" as an excuse to banish conservatives from the airways. Many broadcast station managers are resisting, however, correctly asserting that the FCC has no legal right to control programming on privately-owned stations.

I do not believe the harassment has greatly *reduced* conservative broadcasting during the past year; but it has prevented expansion. The problem is likely to grow much worse in the next two years. President Johnson has made veiled threats about exposing and silencing what he calls the "radical right." He knows how to use power and may now feel that he has a mandate to do as he pleases.

Constitutional conservatives should do all they can to help find stations and sponsors who will

present conservative broadcasts, and to support those who already do. To whatever degree they are able, they should encourage Congress to take effective action against abuse of the FCC's regulatory powers.

In recent years, constitutional conservatives have done an incalculable amount of effective educational work in small study and discussion groups. Some of the groups are affiliated with others in national organizations, but most appear to be informal neighborhood groups. As they inform themselves, they spread their information to others—distributing literature which they have found helpful, encouraging others to form their own clubs.

This kind of activity, multiplied by the efforts of dedicated men and women, can yet save our Republic.

Statement on The Election

by *Dr. Frederick Curtis Fowler, Minister*
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I do not know what God has planned for America. I do know that He would have spared Sodom and Gomorrah if there had been so many as ten righteous men in the cities. God, then, would not have destroyed all. I do not know how many righteous there need be in America in order to keep God from destroying it or driving it into captivity for 40 years of wandering in the wilderness or 400 years of slavery under an alien power. But this I *do* know: God will do what is right and God is the Sovereign.

There is much for which we may congratulate one another. This past year has been a wonderful year. Who would have thought at the beginning of the year we could have a conservative candidate, a conservative-dominated party, and lose with over 26 million fellow Americans voting conservative for the first time in more than 30 years—some for the first time in their lives! Tremendous!!

Conservatism is back in the mainstream of the American life and thought—after having had

the Democratic Party captured by the extreme left-wing Fabian Socialists, and the Republican Party captured by the "me-too" moderates. Conservatism is now back and young, tough, and aggressive. It acknowledges God and man's inability without Him. It means to hold every advantage gained, and go on to final victory. November 3rd is not more than a temporary set-back. Rome was not built in a day — and the A.D.A. Fabian Socialists did not take over the Democratic Party in one election. It took over 30 years — far more than it will take Conservatives to re-capture the America and Freedom we once had and love. The political philosophy of Liberalism will be defeated. Make no mistake about that fact in the light of rising young people who are learning the facts and dedicated to God and Country.

As Woodrow Wilson said, "I would rather fail in a cause that I know some day will triumph than to triumph in a cause that I know some day will fail." And I, personally, would rather lose in a

cause I know to be right than win a cause I know to be wrong. Senator Goldwater would rather be right than be President.

But let the election results also awaken us to the fact that we Christians are in the world and not of it. The world is not interested in sin and salvation and we are only a small part, the salt of the earth. Whether or not God will withdraw the salt and let the "reprobate minds" (Romans 1:28) take over completely — that I do not know — but I do know He is Sovereign and will guard and keep His own. Let us, then, continue to bear true and obedient witness to our wonderful Lord and His love.

FOOTNOTES

- (1) "Today and Tomorrow: Johnson Victory Disproves Latent-Conservatism Claim," by Walter Lippmann, *The Dallas Morning News*, November 8, 1964, Section 1, p. 21
- (2) *The Los Angeles Herald-Examiner*, November 5, 1964, pp. B-2, B-4

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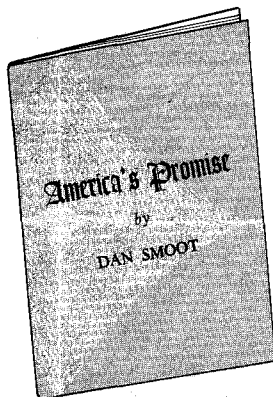
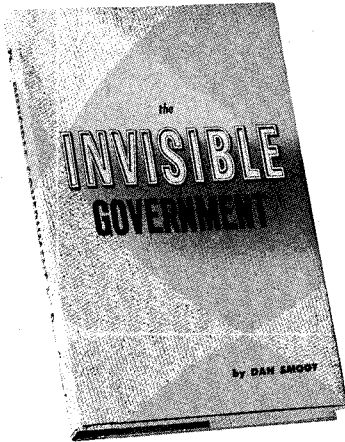
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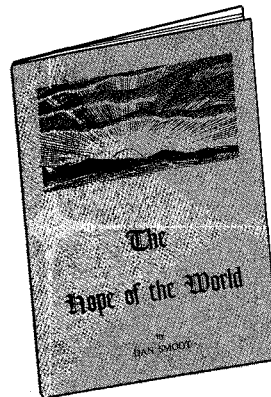


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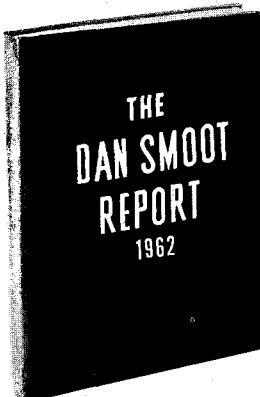


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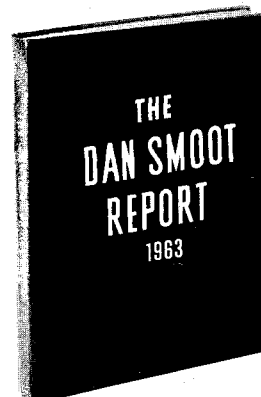
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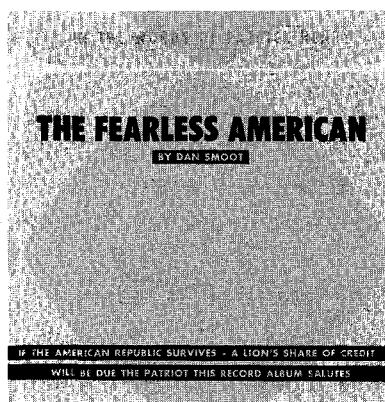
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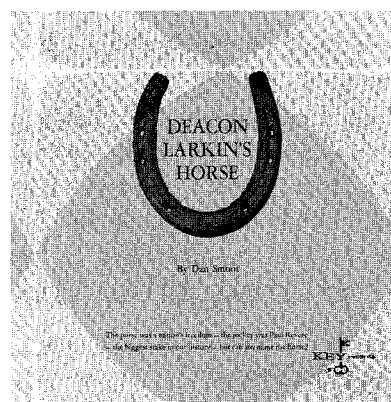
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